Controlling Officer for the Press and Stationery.

80. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of times the Controlling Officer (Press and Stationery) has been on other duty since he took charge as the Officer in administrative control of the Press and Stationery; and

(*b*) the officer who has been attending to the duties of the Controlling Officer on the occasions contemplated in part (*a*)?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Four times.

(*b*) The Superintendent of Stationery and Officer in charge of the Central Printing Office.

Permanent appointments made by the Superintendent, Government Press.

81. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of permanent appointments made by the then Superintendent, Government Press, till 1-2-1112; and

(*b*) the number among them of Christians, Ezhavas, Muslims and Nayars?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) 18.

(*b*) Christians 3.
Ezhavas Nil.
Muslims 1.
Nayars 13.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know how Government have been able to answer this question as it is worded without stating the commencement of the period to which this question relates and the name of the officer?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The question is clear. It is "the total number of permanent appointments made by the then Superintendent, Government Press till 1-2-1112."

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: The commencement of the period is not given. Is it from 1057?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The question is very clear. I cannot understand the difficulty of the member. The commencement of the period is the date of appointment of the then Superintendent to that post.

Statement, by caste, of clerks in the High Court.

82. *MR. D. FRANCIS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table, a statement, by *etc*, of clerks in the High Court?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The required statement is laid on the table.

Village Panchayat Court Judges and Honorary Magistrates.

83. *MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state if any change has been made in the rules governing the appointment of Village Panchayat Court Judges and Honorary Magistrates?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes.

Vide Appendix II.

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MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI: May I know what those changes are,

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: A few rules have been passed by Government with regard to the recruitment of Village Panchayat Court Judges and Honorary Magistrates. The rules are (1) Not less than one half of the number of Judges of every Village Panchayat Court shall be practising lawyers. (2) None but those who possess a knowledge of law and who by reason of their status, qualification and repute, will command public confidence shall be appointed as such. (3). They shall be retired Judicial or other Government officers who filled any responsible office, or a practising lawyer of not less than 10 years' experience at the Bar. (4) They shall be persons who reside or carry on business or have their occupation within the local limits of the courts or as near thereto as conveniently can be. (5) They shall not take part in any case in which they are interested directly or indirectly. (6) Due consideration of the recommendation made on that behalf by the Division Peishkar shall be considered by Government.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether there is a rule that Municipal councillors should not be appointed as Village Panchayat Judges?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are axious to see that, as far as possible, Muuicipal Councillors are not nominated to these courts.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know from what date these changes have been effected?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: These rules have been enforced from November last.

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